

## PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 1, 1941

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the 1941 Pioneer Day celebration:

"In Appreciation"

Twenty six years ago 'Pioneer Day' was first established with E. M. Peck as President and W. E. Rude as Vice Pres. After the passing of E. M. Peck to his eternal Home in 1923, W. E. Rude was elected Pres. and Mr. Peck's son Emmons L Peck was elected Vice Pres.

Since we last gathered here our beloved Pres. W. E. Rude has passed thru the Gates to his Eternal Home.

Mr. Rude was a regular attendant at all meetings pertaining to His church and all organizations in the community which helped to up lift mankind. We always felt we had a staunch friend in Deacon Rude. He gave liberally in time & Money and rejoiced in the prosperity of our church & all its branches by his good judgment carried many burdens we know not of.

He loved companionship of people and retained their friendship. To deacon Rude the need to the church its departments of work, his business life, His Home were a challenge to this Noble character.

Like the Apostle Paul he could well say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, have kept the Faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which is Christ the Lord."

Little did we think when he presided a year ago that His mantle would so soon fall on another.